MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It is reported that there is a urinal and not a latrine there.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) Am I to understand that there is no latrine there ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have answered the question.

Allowance to Manual Training Teachers.

95. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why the personal allowance given to Manual Training teachers is converted into local allowance ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The allowance is given in consideration of the nature of the work for which the Manual Training teachers were specially qualified and it is payable only so long as they attended to that work. Under the Service Regulations, such an allowance has to be classed as local (duty) allowance. Its designation as personal allowance was incorrect.

Statement, by caste, re the appointments made by the Account Officer.

96. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the permanent and acting appointments made by the present Account Officer and Financial Secretary to Government from the time of his assuming charge to the end of Kanni 1103 ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The particulars required, as regards the clerical staff, are :

A. Substantive Appointments.

Malayala Brahmin 1 ; Nayar 1 ; Mahomedan 1 ; Reformed Syrian Christians 2 ; Jacobite Syrian Christian 1.

B. Officiating Appointments.

Brahmins 7 ; Nairs 7 ; Ezhavas 2 ; Mahomedan 1 ; Vellala (Nanjinad) 1 ; Nadar (Hindu) 1 ; Protestant Christians 2.

Appointments in the Account Office and the question of seniority.

97. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any established rule of seniority regarding persons who are appointed to act in vacancies in the Account Office and the Financial Secretariat ; and, if so, what is the rule ?

(*b*) Has the present Account Officer and Financial Secretary retained the services of any of the persons newly appointed by him and dispensed with the services of persons with longer acting service ?

(*c*) If the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons so retained and of the persons so relieved, stating the special reasons, if any ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether preference is given, in the order of seniority or otherwise, to persons who have been acting in the Account Office or Financial Secretariat when persons are taken for comptometer work or training or for other purposes ?

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